

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1855
ANSWERED ON:29.11.2001
NAVAL BASE DEMANDED BY US ON WESTERN COAST
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the U.S. Government has sought three naval bases on western coast of India for its war ships to anchor and use it for refueling etc.;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the response of the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): No, Sir.

(c) However, Government has received specific requests for assistance in connection with operation Enduring Freedom from certain friendly countries, including the United States. Those requests that conform to our existing policy guidelines for overflights and refuelling of aircraft and port calls by Naval ships have been approved.